



## Joseph Anzalone

June 26, 2015

Joseph Anzalone; retired high school librarian, WWII veteran.

Joseph Anzalone, 91 of Alden, NY died June 26, 2015 at the Buffalo VA Hospital after a short illness. Mr. Anzalone was the high school librarian at Alden for 27 years retiring in 1980.

An avid world traveler, Mr. Anzalone with his wife and daughter, traveled in the 48 inland states, Canada, Europe, Africa and Mexico. Mr. Anzalone served in WWII as an Italian interpreter for POW's in the Philippines. He was an avid reader who would read at least 10 books weekly until his passing. He was a member of the Buffalo Society of Friends, Alden Historical Society, Compeer and Cat Haven of WNY. Mr. Anzalone is predeceased by his beloved wife of 51 years, Louise in 2003. He is survived by his daughter, Janice Anzalone of Cheektowaga, NY and his niece Teri Rosenlund of Boise Idaho.

# Tribute Wall

PS

“ I remember spending time during my study halls in the library, shelving books, cataloguing new arrivals, a listening to Joe (excuse me...Mr. Anzalone) always offering up words of encouragement and advice to anyone who needed help. We only lived a few doors away, but never got to know the life he had outside of the library. Wish now I had taken the time while I lived there. My heartfelt sympathies to those who knew him best.

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**Paul Schnizler** - July 17, 2015 at 02:41 PM

MF

“ As you move through life you meet individuals who make a difference, add value, and set a standard for good by their own behavior. Joe Anzalone was such a person. He shared his innate wisdom and worldly knowledge with anyone willing to listen and learn. As a brand new teacher at Alden High School, Joe welcomed me into his world and fortunately I stepped in. I can't say enough positive things about Joe to cover who he was and what I was able to learn from him. The world is a sadder place for his passing.

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**Michael G. Fischer** - July 03, 2015 at 12:44 PM



I recall Mr Anzalone. I came across this by accident. He was always well dressed and had lots of energy at Alden Central High School.

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**David Santoro** - June 21, 2018 at 06:30 PM

MT

“ I have wonderful memories of the Anzalone family. Mr. Anzalone was an intelligent man yet humble . I was amazed by how knowledgeable he was. In almost every conversation I had with him, he could add some facts that I was unaware of. I particularly remember telling him a town I lived in, and he knew more about it than me.

As a young child , I looked forward to visiting the Anzalone home. It was always exciting. It was almost like visiting a museam of their travels. I especially have vivid memories of their cookie parties !!  
Thank you for the memories .  
Rest in peace Mr . Anzalone.

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**MaryJo T** - July 02, 2015 at 07:10 AM

AL

“ I met Joe at the Alden High School in 1954 where he was the Librarian and I was a beginning Teacher.. He was a wonderful supporting person who was appreciated throughout my teaching career. He and Louise were among the kindest people Eva and I have ever known. Janice was a precious gift as was our daughter Mary Jo, who shared a binding life long friendship. Joe was more than a scholar, he was a model for young aspiring students. He motivated them to read widely and appreciate the gift of life.  
I will miss my good friends and will keep them in my prayers. We have lost a good friend and are grateful to have Janice with whom we can continue to share beautiful memories of our previous lives together. May he rest in peace.

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**Anthony Lorenzetti** - July 01, 2015 at 10:39 AM

AN

“ So very sorry for your loss - take comfort in the memories ...

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**Annette** - June 29, 2015 at 04:27 AM

CP

*Deepest sympathy on the passing of your dear father. My heart aches for your great loss so I grieve for you and with you. Cherish all the good and loving things you did together as a family.*

*Peace be with you.*

*Love and Hugs,  
Cher*

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**Cher Pilarczyk** - June 30, 2015 at 03:30 PM

VC

*Janice our deepest sympathy on the loss of your dear father. Joe was a kind caring man and always had a smile and kind word for everyone. Janice you were a wonderful daughter and took good care of him during his time since your mom passed away. His wave and smiles will be missed.*

*Keep his memory in your heart and always know he loved you.*

*Colson family*

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**Vera Colson** - July 01, 2015 at 02:31 PM

JS

*In Loving Memory of  
Joseph Anzalone*

*Beloved Father, Devoted Husband, Faithful Friend*

*June 2015*

*A Meeting*

*In a dream I meet  
my dead friend. He has,  
I know, gone long and far,  
and yet he is the same  
for the dead are changeless.*

*They grow no older.*

*It is I who have changed,  
grown strange to what I was.*

*Yet I, the changed one,  
ask: "How you been?"*

*He grins and looks at me.*

*"I been eating peaches  
off some mighty fine trees."*

*- Wendell Berry, author, farmer, Port Royal, Kentucky*

*Janice and extended family and friends of Joe and Louise,  
May your loving memories of Joe sustain your family, and may God,  
the Great Spirit, provide comfort and peace in the knowledge of his life  
so well lived.*

*With deepest condolences,*

*J. David and Jacqueline Swift*

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**J David Swift** - July 02, 2015 at 06:11 AM

JS

*To Janice, Teri, and the many friends of Joe,  
I knew Joe and Louise since about 1971 and will always cherish my memories of the good worship, potluck lunches, and discussions at the Buffalo Meeting House of the Quakers (Religious Society of Friends). In recent years, Joe and I became closer with him stopping by my farm and by our long phone conversations. He was a wise, kind, very interesting person, himself interested and knowledgeable in so many aspects of life.  
Many of us will sorely miss him. I do already!  
Fortunately we have so many delightful stories*

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**J David Swift** - July 02, 2015 at 06:23 AM

JS

*J David continues ...  
to remember Joe by, and we have Janice and Teri to continue our relationship with Joe and Louise through them and the memories. What a privilege, joy, and honor to have known Joe and Louise! May God, the Great Spirit, bless them and us throughout eternity.  
In Peace, with Love and Hope,  
J. David Swift*

*"We are here to awaken from the illusion of our separateness." - Thich Nhat Hanh, Vietnamese poet and peacemaker*

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**J David Swift** - July 02, 2015 at 06:35 AM

GW

*As a member of the Alden High School English Department, I knew Joe during his last 10 years as high school librarian. He was sociable, congenial, and a sincere respecter of persons. In service to students or faculty, he was eager to help and most adept at doing so. He displayed interest in people and was happy to exchange information and stories, especially about family. His amiability and sense of humor were present in every conversation, as he was always dedicated to what was best for others. One could not help being a better person because of knowing Joe.*

*Gerald Wild*

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**Gerald Wild** - July 06, 2015 at 03:21 PM

WR

*Slumber gently in sweet repose,  
Carried by life's current that shimmering flows  
Between this life and realms unguessed.  
Beyond the mortal, to Isles blessed,  
Where golden rays gently tend,  
And all life's woes sweetly mend.  
Here, at peace, at home, at rest  
Enjoy the slumber of the blessed.*

*Until we meet again.  
Walter Rochna*

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**Walter Rochna** - July 07, 2015 at 09:13 PM